

and the Code of Justinian war. the law of
the land,
The Ityzantinc luw lived on to influence
the edictti
of the Norman kings; the Greek speech
lived on
till tho scholars of the* Rcnaiss.sancc
procured
native scholars of Calabria to teach
them the
language of Plato,
South Italy then continued, from tin*
Gnriglinno
and Tronto to Brmdisi and Syraeuae,
four raws,
four systems of law, thrtv C*hun*Iu*H,
mmuTtmu five
states, and HovcTeigntien l)c»t!t <*ivi«
ntul natitmn!
in character. If unity could be
imposed UJH»II
this meeting-ground t)f ntcea, elnirrhen»
and dviltutt-
tionR, it was lenn likely u> Iw achieved
by
force than by the action of the external
which preHsed their title to tin¹ syb-
For Lower Italy was not only ft eonfit.nitm
of rnmi
internally, it was an arena hi whii'h
elanhed
against one another the three- great
jHtwerhttm
contested UHJ Mt⁴diterranean. The
IM«isierii«, the
Byssftntims, the (ientian «ueetrste*»rrt of
(*lmr!e-
magne in the Holy Roman Empire nwt
In eontHet
on the battleground of Southern Ilitly,
To the prinetia and juutple «»f Italy it
not
apparent that the Moslem ditniftT waa
almost jm»t,
All North Afrkm wan Mrmtem, and Sieily
w»^ is
atupping-tttono to Cflitbrtu mid
"Apulia, In the

ninth century the Aglabito mien; t»f
TUIIIH urn)
Kairouan tad wrtmehed Sfirdiniiu
t^insini, mid
moit of Sieily from tha (*rtt*kn, About
the yew
846 their fleetn hud apjH*itr rd nt the
Tiber nuuith
sent inland tronjm wlio phw«|t*rril
Rmtir;